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SUBJ: 11TH MEETING OF REPRESENTATIVES OF WRITERS' ORGANIZATIONS
OF SOCIALIST COUNTRIES -PRAGUE, MARCH 5-7

1. LAST WEEK'S PRAGUE MEETING OF WRITERS FROM TEN COUNTRIES
(WARSAW PACT, MONGOLIA, DRV AND CUBA) WAS GIVEN MODERATE
PRESS PLAY HERE BUT FINAL COMMUNIQUE, WHICH CZECHOSLOVAK PAPERS
STATED MARCH 8 WOULD BE PUBLISHED FOLLOWING DAY, HAS NOT APPEARED.
WRITERS WERE REPORTED TOURING SOUTHERN BOHEMIA MARCH 10, AND
HAVE PRESUMABLY GONE HOME BY NOW. WESTERN EMBASSY WHICH ASKED
CETKA WHEN PUBLICATION OF COMMUNIQUE COULD BE EXPECTED, WAS TOLD
THAT ONLY "RUDETRAVO", AND NEVER CETKA, HAD SAID COMMUNIQUE
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WOULD APPEAR. "RUDE PRAVO" AT FIRST TOLD SAME EMBASSY THAT

COMMUNIQUE HAD APPEARED IN EVENING EDITIONS MARCH 8, BUT THEN ADMITTED THAT ONLY PUBLIC STATEMENT PUT OUT BY MEETING WAS UNREMARKABLE DECLARATION ON CHILE, WHICH DID APPEAR IN PAPER MARCH 8.

2. WE ASSUME THAT ONE OR MORE WRITERS' DELEGATIONS PRESENT MAY HAVE REFUSED TO AGREE TO WHATEVER TEXT HAD BEEN PREPARED. WE UNDERSTAND THAT UGOSLAV DELEGATION HAD BEEN EXPECTED BUT CANCELLED AT LAST MINUTE; WHETHER THIS WAS BECAUSE UNPLEASANTNESS WAS ANTICIPATED WE DO NOT KNOW, BUT IT SEEMS INTERESTING IN THIS REGARD THAT "SVOBODNE SLOVO" OF MARCH 8 CLAIMED THAT "UNFRIENDLY CIRCLES IN WEST" HAD BEEN DISAPPOINTED IN THEIR EXPECTATION THAT MISUNDERSTANDINGS AND ANTAGONISM WOULD APPEAR AT MEETING. CONCEIVABLE DISAGREEMENT MAY HAVE INVOLVED SOLZHENITSYN, WHOSE NAME, "RUDE PRAVO" SAID MARCH 8, HAD BEEN "MENTIONED JUST IN PASSING AS EXAMPLE OF VILE TREASON".
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